

App'l. NO. 10/023,139

Amendment Dated June 30, 2004

Reply to Office Action of March 30, 2004

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-8, 10-18, 21-44, 51, 58-61, and 66-69 are now in the application. Claims 4, 14, 21, 25-44, 51, 58-61, and 66-69 have been amended. Claims 9, 19-20, 45-50, 52-57, 62-65, 70-73 have been canceled.

In the second paragraph on page 2 of the Office action, the Examiner objected to the drawings. More specifically, the Examiner objected to the drawings for not showing all of the features of the claim. New Figs 5, 6A, and 6B have been added based on the originally filed claims. The specific objections are addressed in detail below. The figure and reference number of the questioned part are listed.

- Claims 9 and 37. Claim 9 has been canceled. The features of claim 37 (renumbered as claim 38) are shown in Fig. 1. The anti-kink protector (5) has a sheath (6) made of an electrically conductive material.
- Claims 12, 22, 23, and 62. Fig. 6A shows an anti-kink protector (13) made of a material that is highly absorbent to electromagnetic waves. Claim 62 has been canceled.

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- Claim 19 and 39. Fig. 6A shows an anti-kink protector (13) made of a material that is highly absorbent to electromagnetic waves. Claim 19 has been canceled.
- Claims 45 and 52 have been deleted.
- Claim 70 has been deleted.

Accordingly, the claims are supported by the drawings.

In page 3 of the specification, the Examiner objected to the specification for not supporting claims 9, 12, 19, 22, 23, 37, 39, 45, 52, 62, and 70. The specification has been amended to copy the language of the claims to the specification.

Accordingly, the claims are supported by the specification.

In the third paragraph on page 3 of the Office action, the Examiner objected to claims 54-55, and 57 for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 54-55 and 57 have been canceled.

In the first paragraph on page 4 of the above-identified Office action, the Examiner has rejected claims 4, 14, 20-21, 27, 42, 44, 61, 65, 69, and 73 as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

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More specifically, the Examiner has stated that in those claims, the abbreviation TO should be defined parenthetically as "(transistor outline)". The change has been made to the claims.

The Examiner rejected claim 14 because the term "said opto-electronic component" lacked antecedent basis. Claim 14 has been amended and the term has been changed to --said optical device-- which has antecedent basis in claim 12.

The Examiner rejected claim 20. Claim 20 has been canceled.

The Examiner rejected claim 21 because the term "said electrically conductive material" lacked antecedent basis. Claim 21 has been amended to change the term to --material-- which has antecedent basis in claim 12.

The Examiner rejected claim 61 because the term "metallic structures" lacked antecedent basis. Claim 61 has been amended to clarify that the anti-kink protector electrically couples said optical device and the module housing. The term --optical device-- has antecedent basis in claim 58.

The Examiner rejected claim 65. Claim 65 has been canceled.

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The Examiner rejected claim 69 because the term "metallic structures lacked antecedent basis. Claim 69 has been amended to clarify that the anti-kink protector electrically couples said optical device and the module housing. The term -- optical device-- has antecedent basis in claim 66.

The Examiner rejected claim 73. Claim 73 has been canceled.

Accordingly, the specification and the claims meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Should the Examiner find any further objectionable items, counsel would appreciate a telephone call during which the matter may be resolved. The changes are neither provided for overcoming the prior art nor do they narrow the scope of the claim for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-8, 10-18, 21-44, 51, 58-61, and 66-69 are solicited. In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, please telephone counsel so that patentable language can be substituted.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

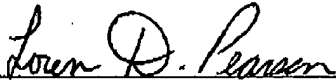
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Please charge any other fees that might be due with respect to
Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and
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